

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>May 14, 2008</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>2007-129-C</u>
UTILITIES MATTERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2007-129-C - Application for Extended Area Service between the Towns of Inman, Campobello and Landrum – Discuss this Matter with the Commission.

COMMISSION ACTION:

On the evening of Monday, May 5, 2008, the Commission held a public hearing at Landrum High School to allow testimony from members of the public as to whether the Commission should order implementation of extended area service between these three closely-situated towns. The Office of Regulatory Staff has investigated the costs of providing the proposed extended area service and proposed adders of 33 cents for each line of residential service and 66 cents for each line of commercial service. The recommended adders were announced to the attendees of the public hearing. Every witness who testified at the Landrum public hearing spoke in favor of the proposed extended area service. The testimony indicated that calls between and among residents and businesses situated in the three affected towns are frequent, and that the current costs of those calls are high. Extended area local service would provide a substantial benefit to commerce. Testimony further indicated that local calling between and among the three exchanges would benefit public safety and emergency services. I therefore move that we find the proposed extended area service to be in the public interest, and that we issue press releases announcing our finding to the residents and businesses in the affected areas. I further move that we require Windstream to advise the Commission within 30 days as to when implementation of the extended area service between and among Inman, Campobello and Landrum will be completed. Finally, I note that ORS has filed with the Commission a request from Representative Robert E. Walker that we also consider a further expansion of the EAS we are considering today. Representative Walker's correspondence stated that it was not his intent to delay disposition of the issue currently before the Commission. Therefore, I move that the request be taken up in a separate docket.

PRESIDING	<u>Hamilton</u>				Session:	Regular
	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	Time of Session	<u>2:30 PM</u>
CLYBURN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recused	APPROVED	_____
FLEMING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		APPROVED STC 30 DAYS	_____
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ACCEPTED FOR FILING	_____
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	DENIED	_____
MITCHELL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	AMENDED	_____
MOSELEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recused	TRANSFERRED	_____
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Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Mitchell were on Annual Leave

Commissioner Clyburn and Vice Chairman Moseley did not attend the Public Hearing.